

December 18, 2013

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 18, 2013, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kalk, Christmann, and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Kalk: I move the minutes of December 4, 10, 16, 2013 be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-09-670
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
345 kV Transmission Line –
Center to Grand Forks
Siting Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission acknowledge the November 15, 2013 and December 12, 2013 staff approvals of transmission line structure relocations in McLean, Oliver and Sheridan Counties in Case No.

PU-09-670, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s 345 kV electric transmission line being constructed from Center to Grand Forks, North Dakota,

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-620
Allete, Inc.
230 kV Transmission Line-
Mercer, Morton, Oliver Counties
Siting Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission acknowledge the November 22, 2013 and Dec 11, 2013 staff approval of transmission line structure location changes along ALLETE, Inc.'s SW Oliver 230 kV Transmission Line, Case No. PU-11-620.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-332
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Advance Prudence - Lewis & Clark
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Trade Secret Protection in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Application Prudence, Lewis & Clark, Application, Case No. PU-13-332.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-13-894
2014 One-Call Grant
Grants and Contracts

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission acknowledge the December 12, 2013 electronic submittal of the 2014 Pipeline Safety One Call Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000 to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Washington, D.C. for the development and conduct of a damage prevention awareness campaign.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-831
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Paxton Perlichek - Ward County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. to extend electric service to Paxton Perlichek at a location in Ward County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-13-831.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-871
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Menard Inc. - Burleigh County, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to extend electric service to Menard Inc. at a location in Burleigh County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-13-871.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-813
Northern States Power Company
2013 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Kalk: Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, I move the Commission consolidate for hearing on the Settlement, effective December 16, 2013, under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04, Case No. PU-12-813, Case No. PU-13-706, Case No. PU-13-707, Case No. PU-13-708, Case No. PU-13-742, Case No. PU-13-743, Case No. PU-13-194 and Case No. PU-13-195.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-706
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Courtenay Wind
Application

Case No. PU-13-707
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Odell Wind
Project

Case No. PU-13-708
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence-Pleasant Valley
Application

Case No. PU-13-742
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Border Winds
Application

Case No. PU-13-743
Northern States Power Company
150 MW Border Winds Project –
Rolette County, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-13-194
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - NG Generators
Application

Motion Continued

Case No. PU-13-195
Northern States Power Company
Red River Valley NG Units 1 & 2 -
Hankinson, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-12-790
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Lonesome Creek Station –
McKenzie County
Siting Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission deem the application complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing in the application of Basin Electric Power Cooperative for a Certificate of Site Compatibility authorizing construction of two additional 45 MW combustion turbine generators at its Lonesome Creek Station now under construction in McKenzie County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-12-790.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-820
Total Call Mobile, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation to designate Total Call Mobile, Inc. as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers, Case No. PU-12-820.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-13-888
Advanced Marketing Group, LLC
Roving Grain Buyer - Aurora, OR
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-13-888 granting the request of Advanced Marketing Group, LLC of Aurora, Oregon to operate as a roving grain buyer in North Dakota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-12-769
Falkirk Farmers Elevator Co
Grain Warehouse
Insolvency

Mr. Christmann: I move that RC2 be withdrawn.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-190
Hiland Operating, LLC
6-Inch Natural Gas Pipeline –
Divide and Burke Counties
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in the applications of Hiland Operating, LLC for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a corridor certificate and a route permit for an existing 6 mile, 6-inch natural gas pipeline in Divide and Burke Counties, North Dakota, Case No. PU-12-190.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-79
Otter Tail Power Company
Environmental Cost Recovery
Tariff

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order regarding Otter Tail Power Company's Environmental Cost Recovery Rider Tariff and Otter Tail Power Company's Environmental Cost Recovery Rider Rates, Case No. PU-13-79 and Case No. PU-13-84 respectively.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-84
Otter Tail Power Company
Environmental Cost Recovery
Rates

Case No. PU-13-85
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Environmental Cost Recovery
Tariff

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order regarding Montana-Dakota Utility Co.'s Environmental Cost Recovery Rider Tariff and Montana-Dakota Utility Co.'s Environmental Cost Recovery Rider Rates, Case No. PU-13-85 and Case No. PU-13-83 respectively.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-83
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Environmental Cost Recovery
Rates

Case No. PU-13-199
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Crescent Point Energy U.S. Inc. -
Divide County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a notice of hearing in the application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to extend electric service to Crescent Point Energy U.S. Inc. at a location in Divide County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-13-199.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-835
Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Robinson Lake Gas Plant Expansion -
Mountrail County.
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem the application complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing in the application of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation for a waiver of procedures and a certificate of site compatibility to authorize expansion of the Robinson Lake Gas Plant in Mountrail County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-13-835.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-839
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s, 2014 Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rates, Case No. PU-13-839.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:14 P.M.

Executive Secretary

BRIAN P. KALK, CHAIRMAN